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The following observations were made at Altenburg airfield between 2 and 9 May 1953:

2 May. At about 9 a.m., a Po-2 plane took off heading west. The weather was dull. Between 10 a.m. and 10:20 a.m., four swept-back jet fighters taxied from the direction of the flight control station to the north end of the runway and took off in elements of two. After circling widely over the field for several times, the planes landed about 10:50 a.m. At 11 a.m., 4 swept-back jet fighters were parked in front of the aircraft revetments in the southern section of the field and 6 planes of the same type were in front of the flight control station.

5 May. Between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., individual local flights were made by four swept-back jet fighters. After 6 p.m., 13 swept-back jet fighters were counted on the landing field.

8 May. In the morning, flying was practiced in formations of four planes.

9 May.

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Comment. Altenburg airfield is still occupied by a fighter regiment. This regiment is believed to be equipped with 20 to 24 MiG-15s although a total of only 11 aircraft numbers have been observed in Altenburg since 1 October 1952.

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